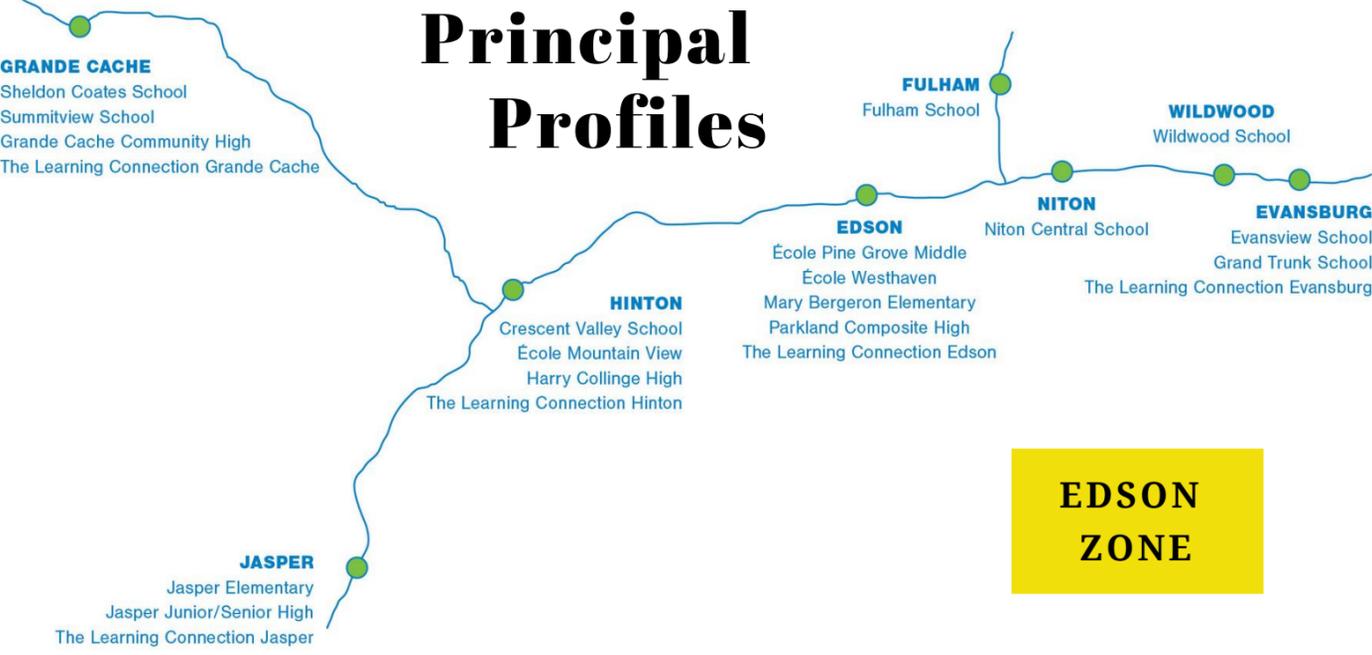


Principal Profiles



At Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, we are proud of the individuals who lead our schools and share their passion and innovation with the staff and youth they interact with on a daily basis. A strong school leader is someone who leads and models learning, supports a collaborative and reflective learning community, and one who makes child-focused decisions. Here is a peek at those strong leaders in your community!

2023/2024



Steven Ripkens

Dual Campus
École Pine Grove
Grades 6 to 8
English & French
Immersion Programs

Parkland Composite High
Grades 9 to 12
English & French
The Learning Connection
Grades 1 to 12



Debra Boos

École Westhaven
JK to Grade 5
English, French
Immersion &
Montessori Programs



Darcy Reynolds

Mary Bergeron
Elementary
K to Grade 5



Janaya Marshall

Fulham School
JK to Grade 6

Steven Ripkens

Steven is thrilled to be the Principal at the dual campus of Parkland Composite High School (including the Edson TLC) and École Pine Grove Middle School - bringing him full circle back to Edson where he first began his leadership career in GYPSD. In 2018, Steven moved to Edson with his wife and two sons for the position of Assistant Principal at Parkland Composite High School. He also served as the Assistant Principal at Niton Central for the 2019/2020 school year. He became a Learning Services Supervisor at the Education Services Centre before taking on Acting Principal for Niton Central for the second half of the 2021/2022 school year. Steven became the Principal at Niton Central in 2022.



Steven completed his Bachelor Degree from the University of Alberta in 2008, specializing in Social Studies and Physical Education. In 2017, Steven completed a Master's Degree, also from the University of Alberta, with a focus on leadership and school improvement. He is a strong believer in a well-rounded educational experience, by providing students with a broad range of learning opportunities to support their core studies. He is committed to creating a learning environment where every student feels welcome, and achieves to the best of their ability.

Steven looks forward to working alongside his colleagues to ensure strong academics, career exploration, and healthy character building is the focus for all students in Grade 6-12 in Edson!

Debra Boos

Debra became the Principal of Westhaven in 2020, following five years of leadership positions at Evergreen School and Mary Bergeron School within GYPSD. Her teaching career began in BC, where she taught Grades 1-7 for over 15 years. Before joining GYPSD, she taught at Don Titus (Public) Montessori School for Peace River South District #59 in Chetwynd, BC. Debra grew up in Edson and received her undergraduate degree from Simon Fraser University in BC. She earned her Master Of Education (Educational Leadership and Administration) from Gonzaga University in 2013. Debra believes wholeheartedly in the saying, "it takes a village to raise a child". She is committed to supporting parents and staff to ensure that every child in the school has the opportunity to reach his or her highest level of achievement-academically, socially, and emotionally "we can do it... together!"



During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, and being outside in nature.



Darcy Reynolds

Darcy has held many positions including teacher (every grade from 1-12), counselor, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and before coming to GYPSD, he was a Superintendent of an Alberta accredited school division overseas. He grew up in Bonnyville, Alberta, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta in Elementary Education with a specialization in music. He is a proponent of the importance of providing students with a balanced education that also includes a strong, inclusive, and vibrant fine arts program. Darcy earned his Master of Education (Elementary Education) from the University of Alberta in 2004, with a focus on the importance of story and relationship as key pieces of overall student achievement and school improvement.

He enjoys coaching basketball, travelling, golfing, playing baseball – and is a loyal fan of the Dallas Stars, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and the Boston Celtics.

Janaya Marshall

Janaya has proudly been teaching for 24 years and Principal at Fulham School for the last sixteen years. She received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and her Master of Education (Educational Leadership) from Walden University. Her favourite quote is from Winnie the Pooh: "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart!".

Janaya enjoys reading and walking to the lake, and cheering on her favourite curling and baseball teams.

